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BRUSSELS, PARIS, ROME FOR FAA

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TAGS: EAIR, ICAO
SUBJECT: TRSB/MLS FAA IN-COUNTRY BRIEFINGS

REF: (A) 77 STATE 276058, (B) FAA BRUSSELS 00540.

1. PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF A AND B WE HAVE
CONTACTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA)
TO INQUIRE ABOUT KUWAIT INTEREST IN HAVING FAA GIVE IN-
COUNTRY BRIEFING ON TRSB/MLS. DGCA OFFICIALS HAVE REQUESTED
BRIEFING IF TIMING CAN BE WORKED OUT.

2. PROPOSED DATE FOR BRIEFING POSES PROBLEMS, HOWEVER.
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FEB 23, PROPOSED REFTL, AND FEB 24 ARE LOCAL, THURSDAY-
FRIDAY WEEKEND. FEB 25 IS KUWAITI NATIONAL DAY AND WE
CANNOT PLAN ON SEEING OFFICIALS THAT DAY OR NEXT. FEB-
UARY 20 IS NOT ONLY EMBASSY HOLIDAY (WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY)
BUT IS LIKELY TO BE KUWAITI RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY, THE PROPHET'S
BIRTHDAY, ALTHOUGH LATTER HOLIDAY MAY MOVE AT LAST MOMENT
TO THE 19TH OR 21ST AS RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP DETERMINES

EXACT LUNAR DATE. THEREFORE, WITHIN TIME-FRAME SUGGESTED
REFTEL, TEAM WOULD HAVE TO ARRIVE HERE AND BRIEF EMBASSY
ON FEB 21, WITH BRIEFING FOR KUWAITIS MORNING OF FEB 22.
IF THIS NOT FEASIBLE, WE BELIEVE TEAM VISIT SHOULD BE
DEFERRED UNTIL AT LEAST FEB 27.

3. ASSUMING SUITABLE DATE CAN BE FOUND, MEMBERS OF KUWAIT
DGCA LIKELY TO ATTEND BRIEFING WOULD BE:
MR. ALI NAJAF, AIR NAVIGATION DIRECTOR
MR. ESSA ABDULLA, RADAR SUPERINTENDENT
MR. HUSSAIN AHMAD, AIR NAVIGATION SUPERINTENDENT
MR. MAHMOUD KHAJA, CHIEF RADAR ENGINEER
MR. ABDUL RAHMAN DUWAISAN, DEPUTY CHIEF RADAR ENGINEER
MR. VERDAN, ICAO REPRESENTATIVE.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH 2 FAA EXPERTS ADVISE ON CONSTRUC-
TION OF NEW AIRPORT, LARGER NUMBER OF BRITISH ADVISORS
TO DGCA AND LONGER PRESENCE HERE GIVE BRITISH INSIDE
TRACK. BRIEFING WOULD BE USEFUL, IF ONLY TO BALANCE THE
BRITISH INFLUENCE IN CIVIL AVIATION IN KUWAIT.
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